dated securities and/or treasury bills within a specified ceiling, so as to absorb excess liquidity in the market. The receipts are being maintained in a separate account with RBI and are to be utilized only for repayment purposes.

Financial assistance to Himachal Pradesh

†42. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial assistance provided by NABARD to Himachal Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) the area where investment has been made and the extent thereof;

(c) whether there has been a continuous fall in the disbursement of loans under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) by NABARD despite increase in the fund every year;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to raise RIDF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM) (a) Details of the financial assistance provided by NABARD under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to Himachal Pradesh (District-wise) during the last three years are given in the Statement I (*See* below). Details of refinance support provided by NABARD to Himachal Pradesh (District-wise) during the last three years are given in the Statement II (*See* below).

(b) RIDF funds were utilized mainly on projects related to rural connectvity, minor irrigation, soil conservation, primary health centres, power system improvement etc.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. There has been increase in disbursement under RIDF over the last three years.

(e) RIDF assistance to Himachal Pradesh is increasing.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

Statement-I

District-wise disbursement under RIDF during the year 2001-02 to 2002-04

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of District	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1.	Bilaspur	430.02	889.62	957.40
2.	Chamba	786.03	592.94	941.58
3.	Hamirpur	1351.48	1757.76	804.40
4.	Kangra	2521.79	3169.28	3149.67
5.	Kinnour	1.61	101.95	79.01
6.	Kullu	361.85	604.17	826.50
7.	Lahaul & Spiti	0.00	133.49	97.06
8.	Mandi	1817.33	1845.37	1637.51
9.	Shimla	1258.23	1468.03	1408.94
10.	Sirmour	585.99	755.45	918.66
11.	Solan	1055.57	1238.39	1088.48
12.	Una	1474.21	1601.63	2328.16
	TOTAL	11644.11	14158.08	14235.37

Statement-II

District-wise refinance support by NABARD during the year 2001-02 to 2003-04

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the District	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1.	Shimla	2015.92	3202.01	3133.15
2.	Bilaspur	1257.97	2016.78	2145.32
3.	Mandi	2270.52	2921.85	2593.01
4.	Kullu	627.61	337.86	661.10
5.	Kangra	1624.22	2407.83	4522.69
6.	Chamba	816.99	1388.65	883.63
7.	Lahul & Spiti	143.93	34.77	187.26
8.	Kinnonr	384.27	441.36	619.07
9.	Sirmour	1055.61	1265.90	1264.74
10.	Hamirpur	559.23	1139.01	2017.72
11.	Una	454.50	938.68	1672.15
12.	Solan	1461.43	1497.30	1521.18
	TOTAL	12672.20	17592.00	21221.02